# STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

## VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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### **Subject: Vehicle Transfer Fees**

### **Background**

Recent legislation increased the transfer fee to \$15 in July 1999. However, due to an omission in the legislative language, the transfer fee remained \$14 when both the registered and legal owners were transferred with commercial vehicles, trailers, and trailer coaches. In an effort to reduce confusion, the department accepted a \$14 transfer fee for registered owner only transfers for commercial vehicles, trailers, and trailer coaches until legislation could remove the exception.

Effective January 1, 2000, new legislation corrected the omission, and the transfer fee for commercial vehicles, trailers and trailer coaches is \$15.

#### **Guidelines**

Submit a \$15 transfer fee for autos, commercial vehicles, trailers, trailer coaches, and motorcycle transfers.

DMV will accept \$14 transfer fees on clearing transactions for registered and/or legal owner transfers for commercial vehicles, trailers, and trailer coaches when the fees were deposited (RDF) prior to January 1, 2000.

### **Statutory Authority**

Vehicle Code Section 9255.

#### Distribution

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#### Contact

- Your local DMV field office regarding questions on processing transactions.
- The DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo. Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.